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Monday, August 17, 2015
Daily Update

1. Press (12)

A. Inquiry or Interview [handled in press office]

1. Cody, KLTV Tyler ABC, 903-510-7825: Fire at Jacksonville, TX, paint plant. Referred to TCEQ.
2. Rhiannon Myers, Houston Chronicle, rhiannon.meyers@chron.com, 713-724-5046: Update on fire/explosion at DrillChem in Conroe, TX. Input from OSC Nic Brescia, 6SF.

E. News Advisories/Release/Other Pending [KEEP until issued]

3. Draft Arkansas CWSRF news brief
4. Draft back-to-school news release
5. Draft Louisiana CWSRF news brief
6. Draft Oklahoma CWSRF news brief

G. Other

7. Concurrence: DFW Monitoring Data Meets Ozone Standard and draft social media
8. Concurrence: Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Seeks Public Comment on Priorities for \$139.6 million
9. Concurrence: Protect Children's Health with EPA School App and draft social media
10. Staff meeting with Section Chief re: Comm tracker
11. Started draft of Sunland Park PR
12. Worked with SF and RC re: Houston Chron Inquiry and FOIA request

2. Web (3)

A. Web Updates

1. Uploaded one file to the Buckeye Server for 6WQ.

F. Other

2. Met with Gabe Gruta in 6EN about the Enforcement part of the new state pages.
3. worked with Tim Fryer, Teresa Cooks, Gabe Gruta and Larry Coss to design and plan the Region 6 Enforcement pages for the One EPA Web.

4. Communication Plans (1)

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1. Updated DFW ozone final action comms plan.

5. Liaisons (9)

C. Grants Concurred

1. Assunto approved Award Document Approval: I-01F01701-0: FY 15 Miami Tribe of Oklahoma CWA 106 Program

2. Assunto approved Award Document Approval: I-01F01801-0: FY15-16 Wyandotte Nation CWA 106 Program
3. Martindale Concurrence on TCEQ FY16-17 PPG Water Quality
- H. Meetings
4. Martindale Attended Superfund Senior Staff Meeting
- I. Other
5. Assunto distributed This Week in State and Local Government to Region 6 senior staff
6. Assunto edited DFW bump up comm strat plan
7. Assunto pulled together all Region 6 issues for ECOS and edited for HQ format
8. Distributed This Week in Congress.
9. Finished updating the NM delegation for Sunland Park RA visit.

6. Correspondence (6)

- A. Correspondence Signed/Closed
1. AX-15-001-2093 Greer - EIS for Energy Transfer Lone Star NGL
2. AX-15-001-2093 Greer - EIS for Energy Transfer Lone Star NGL
- D. Other
3. cc: AL-15-001-2636 Kirkpatrick - Urge immediate action on Gold Mine Spill
4. cc: AL-15-001-2637 McCain - Request for answers regarding the Gold King Mine spill
5. cc: AL-15-001-2642 Gardner - Request for public meeting on Gold King Mine accident
6. cc: AX-15-001-2684 Gentry - Concern about proposed NAAQS

9. Emergencies (5)

1. Assunto issued a cancelled call advisory for Aug 16
2. Assunto participated in conference call to discuss process and procedure for congressional inquiries and responses for GKMR
3. Assunto released to media and cong Aug 16 EPA update
4. Assunto was added to R8 GKMR sharepoint for congressional spreadsheet, etc.
5. Assunto working on all the timesheets required for GKMR

10. Other (1)

1. Reviewed CQ's annual "Top 5 issues by state" report.

11. Today/Upcoming (15)

B. Items of Interest

1. 0818 - On August 18, EPA will finalize the proposed approval of two revisions to the New Mexico State Implementation Plan (SIP) to update the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) SIP permitting program consistent with federal requirements.
2. 0820 - On August 20, pursuant to a consent decree deadline (Deadline is August 30), EPA intends to finalize disapproval of the 1997 8-hour ozone standard for the Dallas-Fort Worth area. DFW air quality has significantly improved over the last decade. EPA revised the 8-hour health-based standard for ozone in 2008. EPA finalized guidelines for the revised standard, including plans to revoke the 1997 ozone standard for all purposes and to no longer reclassify areas under the old standard. Ten years ago, the 8-hour average was 98 parts per billion (ppb); the preliminary value for 2010-2014 is 81 ppb. Since the Area is currently in attainment for the 1997 standard, this final action also establishes anti-backsliding requirements in the State clean-air plan.
3. 0828 - On August 28, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry will tour the Sunland Park Wastewater System. NADBANK and the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority signed an \$8M grant agreement in June for the construction of a WWTP. The State of NM has also put \$3.7M towards the construction costs. This facility will help put water back in the river after processing wastewater in an environmentally safe way.
4. 0828 - On August 28, several Region 6 Superfund sites will have five-year reviews. They are as follows: Sol Lynn in Houston, TX; Mountain Pine in Plainview, AR; Tex-Tin in Texas City, TX; RSR in Dallas, TX; Sheridan in Hempstead, TX; Bailey Waste in Bridge City, TX; Crystal Chemical in Houston,

TX; Gulf State Utilities in Lake Charles, LA; Prewitt Abandoned Refinery in Prewitt, NM; North Railroad in Espanola, NM; and, Tar Creek in Ottawa County, OK.

5. 0829 - On August 29 (Tentative), Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to participate in K10: The Power of Community. The program will commemorate the 10 year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Closed Press, New Orleans, LA.

6. 0831 - From August 31-September 2, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to participate in the Environmental Council of States Meeting. RA Curry has been asked to speak with Region 8 Administrator Shaun McGrath on the topic of unconventional oil and gas. Closed Press, Newport, RI.

7. 0914 - On September 14, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry and Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola will speak at the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Little Rock Main Street Creative Corridor Project. Open Press, Little Rock, AR.

8. 0921 - On September 21, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry will attend the Border 2020 National Coordinators Meeting hosted by EPA and the Mexican Environmental and Natural Resources Ministry. Closed Press, El Paso, TX.

9. 0924 - On September 24 – 25, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry will discuss air quality and climate change at the Children's Environmental Health Symposium. Closed Press, El Paso, TX.

10. 0927 - On September 27, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to participate at the Interstate Oil and Gas Commission Meeting. Closed Press, Oklahoma City, OK.

11. 0929 - On Sept. 29, EPA will finalize the designation for the Los Alamos Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). Closed Press, Los Alamos, NM.

12. 1022 - On October 22, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to speak at the Louisiana Chemical Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA, Closed Press.

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